U.S. Customs & Border Protection

Mark your calendars for this year's 2015 ACE Software Developer (Technical) Session! Please read through the following information carefully for more details regarding the session and how to register.

ACE Software Developer (Technical) Session Information:

- **Date: Tuesday/Wednesday, March 3-4, 2015**
- **Time:** 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Registration opens at 7:30 A.M.)
- **Location:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Jefferson Auditorium, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20009. *All participants must enter the USDA facility through **Wing 5** on Independence Avenue.*
- **Security:** All participants will be required to show a valid Government-issued ID upon arrival. Movement within the USDA building will be restricted to the Jefferson Auditorium, cafeteria and restrooms.
- **Dress:** Business Casual
- **Lunch/Refreshments:** Attendees can purchase lunch and refreshments in the USDA cafeteria adjacent to the auditorium. Trade attendees will have access to the general cafeteria dining area. *There are no eating facilities within close walking distance to the USDA building.* **Note: No food or beverages are allowed inside the Jefferson Auditorium.**
- **Topics:** Topics will include operational and technical changes related to the:
    - **May 1, 2015** deployment for the mandatory use of ACE for all electronic manifest filings – All electronic export and import manifest data must be filed in ACE.
    - **November 1, 2015** deployment for the mandatory use of ACE for all electronic cargo release and associated entry summary filings - All electronic data associated with the release of cargo including PGA interactions, and their associated entry summaries, must be filed in ACE.
    - The sessions will focus on Entry Summary, Accounts and Revenue (ESAR) capabilities, Cargo Release, including the PGA Message Set, and Export Manifest Processing. The following PGAs will present information on the status of their PGA Message Sets and ACE integration status: 1) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); 2) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); 3) Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS); 4) Food & Drug Administration (FDA); 5) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS); 6) APHIS/Lacey Act; and 7) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Registration Information:

Registration is **required** for this event.

- All CBP, PGA and Trade participants must pre-register to gain access to the USDA building.
- Registration will start on Monday, January 12, 2015. To register go to: https://2015-swd-session.eventbrite.com.
- Registration information will also be posted on cpb.gov at www.cbp.gov/aceoutreach

- Registration for this event is free.
- Registration will close on Thursday, February 26th at 11:30 PM ET. ***Per USDA regulations, on-site registration will <u>not</u> be available.***

<u>Transportation and Lodging:</u>

- **Metro:** The closest metro stop is the <u>Smithsonian Metro Station</u> (Orange, Silver and Blue lines). Use the Independence Ave metro exit. For more information, please visit www.wmata.com
- **Parking:** A public parking garage is located at the intersection of 12th and D Streets.
- **Local Hotel Options:** Below is a list of hotels located close to the USDA building. ***Please note that attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations***. CBP has not arranged for room blocks or special rates at any of these hotels.

1. **Mandarin Hotel**
   1330 Maryland Avenue Southwest
   Washington, D.C. 20024
   202-554-8588
   http://www.mandarinoriental.com/washington/

2. **JW Marriott**
   1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
   Washington, D.C. 20004
   1-866-257-5990
   http://www.roomstays.com/hotel/825652

3. **The Melrose Hotel**
   2430 Pennsylvania, Ave NW
   Washington, D.C.
   202-955-6400
   www.melrosehoteldc.com

4. **Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill**
   400 New Jersey Avenue NW
   Washington, D.C. 20001
   202-737-1234
   http://washingtonregency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html

5. **The Liaison Capitol Hill**
   415 New Jersey Avenue NW
   Washington, D.C. 20001
   1-866-257-5990
   http://www.roomstays.com/hotel/117455

<u>Questions?</u>

Please email us at AskACE@cbp.dhs.gov or contact Frank Korpusik at frank.j.korpusik@cbp.dhs.gov or (571) 468-5477 with any questions regarding the Software Developer Session.

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Is your question urgent? Feel free to contact the CBP Technology Support Center at 1-866-530-4172.

Key Dates

Reminder, our 3 mandatory dates are on the horizon.

May 1, 2015	November 1, 2015	October 1, 2016
Mandated use of ACE for all electronic manifest filings.	Mandated use of electronic Cargo Release and associated Entry Summary filings.	Mandated use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process.